

**Northwest Community EMS System
February 2017 CE: Abuse
Credit Questions**

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This packet should take 2 hours to complete – which earns you the equivalent of the 2 hour live CE class.
Sources of information: Feb CE handout; SOPs;

Neglect and Abuse

1. **List the 5 types of violence that can occur in the family structure and give an example of each.**
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
 - d.
 - e.
2. **For the legal purpose of abuse situations define the age of a “child.”** _____
For an “elder?” _____
3. **Who is a mandated reporter and what does that mean for EMS providers?**

4. **What is the obligation for EMS who identifies a situation in which elder neglect or abuse is suspected?**

5. **When defining elderly abuse, what is the regulatory act that contains such information?**

6. **When EMS is called for an elderly person, what presentations might indicate that neglect could be present and further investigated?**

7. **EMS is called to a skilled nursing facility in which the elderly patient states that the staff is abusive. The pt is alert and oriented but has a h/o dementia. The pt pleads to be taken out of the facility and go to the hospital. What actions should be taken by EMS?**
- Ask the staff if they are aware of the abuse and explain the allegations that the pt made to them.
 - The pt is 87 yo and has a h/o dementia; EMS cannot rely on the statement therefore transports without further notifications.
 - Call the family to see if they are aware of any previous complaints by the pt and give them the phone number in which to report the statements made.
 - Complete a detailed physical exam, looking for supporting findings to support the pts allegations and report to findings and pt statement to the hospital ED staff and call the hotline number.

8. **What characteristics of an elderly individual make them more likely to suffer abuse?**

9. **Why is an elderly individual hesitant to report an abusive situation?**

10. **Identify a situation in which EMS may not blatantly see financial abuse, but it may present in an overt presentation.**

Domestic Violence

11. **What are the three phases that occur with domestic violence? Which two phases are the only times in which the battered spouse is amenable to intervention?**

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12. **What is considered to be true when discussing partner abuse?**

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13. **Are females ALWAYS the one that is abused?**

YES

NO

14. **Approximately 40-50% of all female _____ are committed by the _____**
_____ . P. 3 handout

15. What are some of the reasons in which abuse is not reported?

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16. What are some characteristics of abuse victims?

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17. What is the highest priority for any EMS personnel on scene of adult abuse cases?

18. When documenting on a DV call, what are some subjective and objective findings that should be included??

Subjective:

Objective:

19. When reviewing the incidence for abuse, how are spousal abuse and child abuse connected? P. 2

Child Neglect and Abuse

22. Two thirds of all reported child abuse cases occur in children less than _____ years of age.

23. Give an example of emotional abuse in a child. p. 1-2.

24. What is the legal responsibility for EMS if presented with a situation in which there is potential neglect and/or abuse of a child and there is concern that if the child is left in the current situation, harm would likely occur?

25. What three criteria are needed before the above action can occur?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

26. Who is allowed to execute the above action and how does EMS play a role in that action?

Scenarios

EMS is called to school for the child who is unresponsive. Upon arrival, a school nurse gives history of a 9 yo child who is inattentive in school, comes without lunch and usually wears the same clothes all week. Upon physical exam, the female pt is lethargic, has an odor, appears unkempt, has a chopped up short haircut and is found with her head down on the table in the nurse's office...

27. When heading toward the direction for child neglect, what additional behavioral indicators (p. 6) would clue EMS in to the fact that further investigation would be warranted?

28. Would additional help be needed on the scene to help EMS in this situation? If so, what additional things would need to be acquired? (see p. 65 SOP for help)

29. How does the pediatric assessment triangle help assist EMS in determining priority of care?

30. Describe in your own words what "failure to thrive" means.

EMS receives a third party call to apt complex for the injured pt Upon arrival, EMS encounters a child in the care of the mother and the child is crying in her arm with an obvious forearm deformity. Other children are around the front yard where the pt is located playing and appear concerned. When EMS approaches, the father comes out yelling for all the children to go home and yells for the woman to bring the child inside...

31. What behavioral indicators might be present to indicate this as an abusive situation?

32. What physical indicators might be present to indicate this as an abusive situation?

33. Based on the information given to you in the scenario, what are the treatment plan & priorities for this pt?

34. What caring for pediatric pts in which abuse is suspected, where might bruising be found that is abnormal for the average injury to USUALLY occur? (see p. 10 of the handout)

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35. What is the TEN-4 rule pertaining to child abuse? (p.3)

36. What 3 conditions listed in the reading can be mistaken for abuse? (p. 6)

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(If you have not seen the third item on the list mentioned previously, please take the time to google it now)

EMS is called to a house for a pt that is sick. Upon arrival, you find a female pt appearing to be in her 30s writhing around on the floor c/o severe abdominal pain. There are 3 other adults on the scene. One male who appears to be her significant other, another female who appears to have some relation to the pt and the boyfriend of that other female...

37. What behavioral indicators in the abused individual can you appraise that would create suspicion for EMS that this is a domestic violence situation?

38. What is the legal responsibility for EMS in this given situation?

EMS is called to residence for a fall. Upon arrival, an 87-year-old female is found complaining of severe pain to the left hip. The daughter tells you that the pt “falls a lot.” You notice that the patient appears malnourished and lethargic. In the process of immobilizing the patient it is noticed what appear to be small circular burns to the backs of her thighs. Her daughter tells you she has a history of dementia and accidentally sat on a heater grate. The pattern is incompatible with such an injury...

39. Based on the history and physical exam identify a treatment plan and priorities for this pt.

40. What is the general impression for this pt? Are there any additional personnel needed? If so, then who? Defend the suspicion for abuse and/or neglect.
